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PedPDX: Portland's Citywide Pedestrian Plan Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wed. June 28, 2017 5:30-7:30 PM

Portland Building: 1120 SW 5th Ave.

2nd Floor, Room B

Welcome and Introductions – 5:30 to 6:20

Committee members went around and shared their names, what neighborhood they live in, what they do for work, and why they care about people walking here. Some of the reasons why committee members said they care include the following themes:

- Safety
- Access
- Youth, children, safe routes to school
- Public health
- Mobility options (especially other than driving)
- Geographic equity and equality
- Disability parity
- Traffic
- Environment
- Concerning behaviors and behavior change

In addition, some members touched on additional interests for their work on the committee including some of the following themes:

- Systems level network development
- Increasing the number of people who choose to walk
- Sidewalk treatments in winter
- Sidewalk types
- Flexible pedestrian standards
- The importance of sidewalks where they are needed



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- Promoting car-free lifestyle
- Running
- Dog walking

Question about the timeline and when this plan will be done – Expected Winter of 2018.

Meeting agreements and housekeeping - 6:20 – 6:40

Oregon Public Records Law – Under the impression that we’re supposed to talk to people in our neighborhood and get their input.

Answer: You can protect yourself by cc’ing PedPDX email to keep everything as a public record. Protection in case there is a lawsuit where public record is required. When in doubt, cc PedPDX email account. If someone, a lobbyist, emails we would forward to PedPDX. We don’t have to respond.

Oregon Public Meetings Law (look up) – If we meet in small meetings then the public doesn’t have to know.

Answer – Quorum is 13 members. 13 members in one spot discussing issues it is a quorum. Needs for meeting requirements to be met. We will hold no business via email and we want the meetings to be the public forum.

Public record can be subpoenaed.

Review and send additional questions/ concerns regarding meeting agreements. Ow.

Plan overview (presentation, Q&A) – 6:40 – 7:10

Questions –

- Question: How will you address pedestrian design concerns?
Answer: We’re going to outline approaches, tools to pedestrian designs.
- Question: How long do you expect to keep online survey available?
Answer: Through the end of September
- Question: Is this powerpoint online?
Answer: Yes, we will provide a more legible version online.
- Question: Is the 1998 plan online?
Answer: Yes.
- Question: When is this audit that’s listed in the presentation?
Answer: Through August we will be working on this task to access all PBOT pedestrian programs to see how they do or don’t relate to the PedPDX plan. We need to figure out what we’re governing.
- Question: Will we look at what’s been completed since the original plan? What would the people who were on the committee 20 years ago want?
Answer: We’ll look at programmatic things, but not sure how much we’ll cover the last 20 years. We want to do project assessment to see how effective projects were in the past and where there are still gaps.
- Question: Lots of collaboration with BES. Is it possible to call that out in the work?
Answer: We use the same lens as BES and we should call out these projects.

- Question: Is there any collaboration with the city of Gresham to assess connections between jurisdictions?
Answer: No off the cuff response, but will take note of this. Metro's job to facilitate those cross-jurisdictional conversations. RTP is supposed to cover things like that.
- Question: What we're creating is a recommendation. What is the legality of what we create?
Answer: We're doing more than providing recommendations. We're writing new policy that could result in city code. Stronger than recommendations.
- Note: Additional questions should be sent to the PedPDX email.

Committee feedback on Public Involvement Plan – 7:10 – 7:30

Passed out public involvement plan. Provide feedback via email and then talk about at the next meeting. Living document that can change over time.

Questions –

- Question: There are a bunch of SRTS events, are those with adults or children?
Answer: They were mostly with adults, but there were children there. This was a great opportunity to get out and ask people in different parts of the city about their priorities.
- Question: Are we concerned about what happens on the sidewalks or to the sidewalks (e.g., sidewalk cafes, bicycle corals)? Or placement and condition?
Answer: Yes, when we get to strategies and tools we can explicit talk about maintaining different zones on the sidewalk or other design guidelines. Said differently, there are a few categories we can address. Infrastructure is a big one, but comfortability is another one.
- Question: Is there a Vision Zero person at PBOT?
Answer: Yes. There is staff, but we'll all concerned with Vision Zero. We want to make sure that we're implementing their safety values in our work. There is also a community task force for Vision Zero that is still going.
- Question: How much does signaling come into play with the classifications and is that something we'll look at? Sometimes there are intersections where you can push a button to get the signal. Does classification have to do with that?
Answer: A general yes. Traffic signals will come into play when we get there. Within a pedestrian district you should get an automatic walk (this is in place now). Within a pedestrian district there are more frequently signalized intersections. Plant a flag there and when we get to the toolbox we can talk more about those signals.
- Comment: Metropolitan Gov of Seoul had an application where people could report an issue and the city would try to address.
Answer: We have some things in place. The PDX Reporter is not an app anymore, it's a website now.
- Question: What kind of leverage do we have when we come into contact with another agency? Come into contact with Tillikum Crossing.
Answer: No one has really tackled this one yet.

- Question: Some of the main streets are under ODOT. Powell, Lombard, 82nd. Some of the most problematic streets. Would it be the same process of negotiating with another jurisdiction?
Answer: it's a case-by-case
- Question: Can we get a copy of the bureau's equity plan?
Answer: Yes.
- Question: Could we get a copy of the Seattle plan?
Answer: Yes, absolutely willing to share.
- Question: Is there a database to look at all the plans that have been adopted?
Answer: We're going to spend a lot of time in the next meeting getting into this information.

Public Comment – 7:30

Francesca will send a reminder. Going to table the brainstorm portion of the meeting. Our goal to get a minimum of 5,000 responses with the survey and we're at 1,600+ right now.

Adjourn – 7:30

*Meeting notes are summarized, not verbatim.
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